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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KAZUHIRO SAITO, et al.)
Application No.: 09/902,719)
Filed: July 12, 2001)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
METHOD, IMAGE)
PROCESSING APPARATUS)
AND PROGRAMS THEREOF)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Election Requirement dated September 27, 2004 (Paper No. 7), Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Species I, corresponding to Figures 1 and 5. Claims 1 to 6 and 8 to 10 read on the elected species. The requirement is, however, traversed.

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